

Foster Program Application & Agreement



Thank you for your interest in our Foster Program which focuses on providing temporary housing for animals in need. Foster volunteers open their homes to animals who require extra attention and care, including those who are too young for adoption, require socialization and/or need medical care. Upon submission of your application, you will be contacted by a staff representative. All applicants will be required to attend a Foster Orientation and Training class. **Please note that applicants must be at least 21 years old.**

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____ (Cell): _____

Email: _____

1. How did you hear about our foster program? _____

2. Please describe your prior experience with companion animals (*including pets, volunteer experience, work experience, etc.*): _____

3. What qualities or skills do you feel will make you (*and/or your family*) a good foster home? _____

4. Do you have any previous foster care experience (*if yes, please explain*)? _____

5. Number of adults in household: _____ Names of adult(s): _____

6. Children in the household? Yes No Ages of children: _____

7. My home is: Single-family Townhouse Condominium Apartment

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Pet Information

Please list ALL pets who are currently a part of your household:

Name	Breed	Gender	Spayed or Neutered?	Age	How long have you owned?	Is pet inside, outside or both?

1. If you have cats and/or dogs, are their rabies vaccinations current? * Yes No
2. If you have dogs, do they have current County dog licenses? * Yes No
3. If you have cats and/or dogs, are they on flea & tick preventative? Yes No
4. Please list history of any medical or behavioral issues of the above pets:

5. Have you had any other pets within the past five years? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

6. Your veterinarian's name: _____ Phone: _____

7. May we contact your veterinarian? Yes No

*** You must provide copies of proof of vaccinations for all dogs and cats. All dogs must have a current County dog license.**

Foster Program Information & Interests

1. How many hours a day do you have to spend with foster animals? _____
2. How many hours per day is the foster animal likely to be left alone? _____
3. Are you able to transport foster animals to and from the shelter and/or veterinarian's office (*please note that the shelter's veterinarian is Blue Ridge Vet in Purcellville*)? Yes No
4. Describe the area where the foster animal will be kept. _____

5. Who will participate in caring for foster animals other than you? _____

6. What types of animals are you interested in fostering (*please check all that apply*)?

- ☐ **Neonate Kittens** – From birth to ~4 weeks, require bottle feeding at frequent intervals
- ☐ **Underage Kittens** – These kittens are eating gruel or kibble on their own and need housing until they are old enough to adopt at 8 weeks of age
- ☐ **Feral Kittens** – These kittens are typically 8 weeks to 3 months of age and need a small room (bathroom) and basic care until they are old enough to be adopted to outdoor homes
- ☐ **Adult Cats (Behavior)** – In need of extra TLC, time away from the shelter and a quieter environment
- ☐ **Adult Cats (Medical)** - Needs topical or oral medication
- ☐ **Pregnant or Nursing Cats** – Caring for cats who are pregnant and those who have given birth to kittens
- ☐ **Pregnant or Nursing Dogs** – Caring for dogs who are pregnant and those who have given birth to puppies
- ☐ **Underage Puppies** - These puppies are eating gruel or kibble on their own and need housing until they are old enough to adopt at 8 weeks of age
- ☐ **Adult Dog (Behavior)** – In need of TLC, time away from the shelter, or training
- ☐ **Adult Dog (Medical)** – Needs topical or oral medication
- ☐ **Small Animals** – In need of TLC, time out of the shelter, or who are pregnant. Please check the species below that you can foster.
- ☐ Rabbits ☐ Ferrets ☐ Rats/Mice ☐ Guinea Pigs ☐ Reptiles ☐ Birds

Signature

- ☐ I certify that the above information is true and correct. _____ (*initial here*)
- ☐ I certify that I have never been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment. _____ (*initial here*)

Applicant's printed name Applicant's signature Date

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Date Received:	Orientation Date:	Home Check Date:	Manual Sent / Received Date:
Approved For:			
Comments:			

Foster Agreement

As a prospective foster volunteer, it is important that you understand and agree to follow the rules and guidelines of fostering set forth below. Your failure to do so could result in your removal from the Foster Program. By signing below, you hereby agree to the following:

1. All animals in foster care are the property of Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) and are subject to all applicable LCAS policies, rules and restrictions.
2. Foster care is intended to be temporary placement of an animal who needs special assistance, and all foster animals are expected to be returned to the shelter at the end of their foster period.
3. Foster volunteers must coordinate advertisement and promotion of their foster animals to prospective adopters with LCAS staff.
4. Foster volunteers are not permitted to release any foster animal to anyone other than authorized LCAS personnel without express permission from LCAS.
5. Foster volunteers are obligated to return any foster animal to the shelter within 24 hours of such request, whether written or verbal.
6. All dogs/puppies are to be kept indoors at all times, unless under the direct supervision of their foster volunteer. When outdoors, all foster dogs and puppies must be kept on a leash or in a secure fenced yard at all times – no exceptions!
7. All foster cats and kittens must be kept indoors at all times – no exceptions! When being transported, cats & kittens must be kept in secure carriers.
8. Foster volunteers are required to ensure that any unaltered foster pets do not have the opportunity to reproduce.
9. Foster volunteers are required to keep careful records regarding their foster animal's health and care.
10. Foster volunteers are expected to follow and abide by all guidelines and protocols regarding their foster animal(s), in terms of feeding, socialization, health care, etc.
11. Pets may not have unsupervised contact with foster animals.
12. Children 15 years of age and under may not have unsupervised contact with foster animals.
13. LCAS will provide all food, bedding, medications, etc. for foster animals. Should the foster volunteer choose to purchase his/her own food, supplies, etc., LCAS will not reimburse him/her for those items.
14. Any routine or non-emergency veterinary care must be pre-approved and arranged by LCAS staff. Any routine or non-emergency care that is not preapproved will not be reimbursed by LCAS.
15. Foster volunteers are required to seek immediate emergency care for their foster animal(s) at Blue Ridge Vet in Purcellville when appropriate, and must notify LCAS immediately when emergency care is sought.
16. Foster volunteers will not be reimbursed for any expenses related to damage caused by foster animal(s), vet expenses for their own animals, etc.
17. LCAS makes no claims or representations as to the temperament, mental disposition or health of animals in the foster care program, and cannot be held liable for any injuries or damage to persons or property caused by a foster animal or participation in the foster program.
18. LCAS reserves the right to perform random, unannounced home checks in order to ensure that foster animals are being appropriately cared for.
19. Foster volunteers are required to be 100% honest about the health and behavior of foster animals.
20. LCAS will make the final decision about the adoptability and ultimate placement of fostered animals; no guarantees can or will be made about the ultimate disposition of any foster animal.
21. All bites and scratches from foster animals that break the skin must be reported immediately to LCAS.
22. Foster animals must remain in the care of their foster volunteer until they are returned to the shelter, and foster animals may not be boarded or left in the care of anyone other than the foster volunteer. If the foster volunteer cannot, for any reason (illness, vacation, etc.), care for a foster animal, that animal must be returned to LCAS, or other arrangements must be made with prior approval of LCAS.
23. If a foster volunteer refuses to surrender a foster animal for any reason upon request by LCAS, or has transferred the animal to another individual or entity without prior permission from LCAS, that foster volunteer will be automatically removed from the foster program, and LCAS may initiate all appropriate legal action in order to secure the return of the animal.
24. Foster volunteers are subject to removal from the program for any reason and any time at the discretion of LCAS.

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